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To expand the Alpine Lakes Wilderness in the State of Washington, to designate the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River and Pratt River as wild and scenic rivers, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 26, 2009

Mr. REICHERT (for himself, Mr. INSLEE, Mr. BAIRD, Mr. McDERMOTT, and Mr. SMITH of Washington) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Alpine Lakes Wilder-
5 ness Additions and Pratt and Middle Fork Snoqualmie
6 Rivers Protection Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXPANSION OF ALPINE LAKES WILDERNESS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—There is designated as wilderness
3 and as a component of the National Wilderness Preserva-
4 tion System certain Federal land in the Mount Baker-
5 Snoqualmie National Forest in the State of Washington
6 comprising approximately 22,100 acres, as generally de-
7 picted on the map entitled “Proposed Alpine Lakes Wil-
8 derness Additions” and dated March 23, 2009, which is
9 incorporated in and shall be considered to be a part of
10 the Alpine Lakes Wilderness.

11 (b) ADMINISTRATION.—

12 (1) MANAGEMENT.—Subject to valid existing
13 rights, the land designated as wilderness by sub-
14 section (a) shall be administered by the Secretary of
15 Agriculture (referred to in this section as the “Sec-
16 retary”), in accordance with the Wilderness Act (16
17 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.), except that any reference in
18 that Act to the effective date of that Act shall be
19 considered to be a reference to the date of enact-
20 ment of this Act.

21 (2) MAP AND DESCRIPTION.—

22 (A) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable
23 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-
24 retary shall file a map and a legal description
25 of each wilderness area designated by sub-
26 section (a) with—

1 (i) the Committee on Natural Re-
2 sources of the House of Representatives;
3 and

4 (ii) the Committee on Energy and
5 Natural Resources of the Senate.

6 (B) FORCE OF LAW.—A map and legal de-
7 scription filed under subparagraph (A) shall
8 have the same force and effect as if included in
9 this Act, except that the Secretary may correct
10 errors in the map and legal description.

11 (C) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—Each map
12 and legal description filed under subparagraph
13 (A) shall be filed and made available for public
14 inspection in the appropriate office of the Sec-
15 retary.

16 (c) INCORPORATION OF ACQUIRED LAND AND INTER-
17 EST.—Any land within the boundary of the land des-
18 ignated as wilderness by subsection (a) that is acquired
19 by the United States shall—

20 (1) become part of the wilderness area; and

21 (2) be managed in accordance with subsection

22 (b)(1).

1 **SEC. 3. WILD AND SCENIC RIVER DESIGNATIONS.**

2 Section 3(a) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16
3 U.S.C. 1274(a)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
4 lowing:

5 “(____) MIDDLE FORK SNOQUALMIE, WASH-
6 INGTON.—The 27.4-mile segment from its head-
7 waters near La Bohn Gap in the northeast quarter
8 of section 20, township 24 north, range 13 east to
9 the northern boundary of section 11, township 23
10 north, range 9 east, to be administered by the Sec-
11 retary of Agriculture as follows:

12 “(A) The approximately 6.4-mile segment
13 from its headwaters near La Bohn Gap in the
14 northeast quarter of section 20, township 24
15 north, range 13 east to the west section line of
16 section 3, township 23 north, range 12 east as
17 a wild river.

18 “(B) The approximately 21-mile segment
19 from the west section line of section 3, township
20 23 north, range 12 east to the northern bound-
21 ary of section 11, township 23 north, range 9
22 east as a scenic river.

23 “(____) PRATT RIVER, WASHINGTON.—The en-
24 tirety of the Pratt River in the State of Washington,
25 located in the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National

- 1 Forest, to be administered by the Secretary of Agri-
- 2 culture as a wild river.”.

